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SUBJECT : BAHRAIN TEACHERS' STRIKE

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1. ALTHOUGH WEEKEND WAS QUIET AND TEACHERS REPORTEDLY WERE ALL BACK ON JOB MARCH 22, SPORADIC STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS CONTINUED MARCH 22 AND APPARENTLY INTENSIFIED MORNING MARCH 23. MORNING MARCH 23 DEMONSTRATING GIRL STUDENTS MANAGED CLOSE BRIEFLY ONE OF MAIN ROADS FROM JUFAIR/AWALI TO DOWNTOWN MANAMA AND MUHARRAQ CAUSEWAY. AS OF NOON, DOWNTOWN AREA CALM. RIOT POLICE ARE BEING DEPLOYED AS REQUIRED AND SEEM TO HAVE GENERAL SITUATION WELL IN HAND.

2. COMMENT: SO FAR THERE IS NO EVIDENCE STUDENT UNREST IS EITHER LEFTIST MOTIVATED OR FOCUSING ON ISSUES OTHER THAN TEACHERS' "GRIEVANCES". GOVERNMENT APPEARS TO BE TAKING
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SITUATION IN STRIDE, BUT WARILY LEST UNREST SPREAD TO LABOR

FORCE. SPRING IS THE TRADITIONAL TIME OF LABOR/POLITICAL
DISTURBANCES IN BAHRAIN.
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